

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Examiner Storm is thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during the telephone interview conducted August 16, 2004. The substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

As requested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended claims 23, 26, 29, 32, 35, 37, 39, and 41 to include express definitions of the letter abbreviations (C), (y), V, R, J, N, and Q. Applicants have also amended claims 22, 36, and 40 to correct minor typo errors, and submitted a new Abstract. Upon entry of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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